

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

<u>Members:</u>	Bill Oesterlein	Michael Day	Kyle Kenison	Heather Ross
	Jack Steward	Rolland Moore	Lib Cook	
<u>City Staff:</u>	Jocelynn Santa Cruz	Erik Reeves	Zach LaBonte	
	Nathan Cooke	Chris Boatman	Danielle Garcia	
	Toni Momberger	Carl Baker		

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell Pam Miller, PhD

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chairman Day.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the September 10, 2019, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – No PH rep. Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The trade war with China will affect the export market.
 2. The 4 young Navel blocks were exported to Japan last season and should be a good market this year.
 3. The Hong Kong market is still a viable option, and some fruit may make it to China.
 4. Sunkist is trying to generate more sales this upcoming season to the domestic market.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The hedging work is all complete.
 2. Gibb will be applied to the early Navels in the next few weeks.
 3. The next ACP treatment will take place in mid to late November.

C. Quality of Life Staff Report –Erik and Zach provided the following updates:

1. The ongoing rail project has damaged some of the irrigation lines along I-10. City staff working to get all lines repaired and/or relocated.

2. The Palmetto well is down, as the motor has died again. The City will be getting quotes to repair. Meanwhile, plans are in place to get water into the grove until well is back in service.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. Jack commented that the farm manager is doing all they said they would do, and the groves look great.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. It is recommended that City staff continue to update the expense/revenue reports that were generated for past years on a regular and ongoing basis.

5. New Business:

A. Staff presentation on examining local needs in Redlands

1. Fire Chief Nathan Cooke gave a slide presentation on the needs facing public safety and requested that concerned residents and Commissioners fill out an online survey on the City website to solicit their input.

B. Discussion and possible action for replanting the lower 11 acres at Prospect Park and Palmetto east of the landfill

1. Mike asked that these two items be separated on future agendas.

2. Plans are being drawn up for the irrigation needs for the Wastewater land. City staff have determined the parcels involved.

C. Discussion and update on staff report to City Council on ordering citrus trees

1. Item was tabled.

D. Discussion and update on staff report to City Council on University grove hedge removal

1. Item was removed from Council review and instead Chris has asked staff to write a letter to the HOA advising them of the City's plan to go forward with removing the hedge.

2. It was recommended to City staff that the hedge be removed prior to the next ACP treatment.

E. Discussion and possible action on ACP education for residents

1. The Commission would like to provide education to the residents on the role they play in controlling the ACP problem.

2. One suggestion was to do a mail stuffer with the utility billing. City staff will advise as to what requirements need to be met to include such information with the billing notices.

6. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Discussion and consideration for replanting the lower 11 acres at Prospect Park.

2. Discussion and consideration for replanting Palmetto east of the landfill.

3. Discussion and possible action on ordering citrus trees.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

8. The Next Meeting date will be November 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary